REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Corrected formal drawings are submitted herewith and which show the subject matter appearing originally in claim 4 and now in amended claim 1 and new claim 30.

The dependency of claim 13 has been corrected so that the antecedent basis for the recitations in claims 13 and 16-19 are now present.

The dependency of claim 27 has been corrected so that this claim now depends from claim 26.

With the correction of the dependency of claim 13 and claim 19, it is believed that the objection to claim 14, 15 and 20-22 has been satisfied.

The indication of allowable subject matter in original claims 4 and 12-25 is gratefully acknowledged. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 30 while claim 12 has been rewritten as new claim 31 with the dependent claims 13-25 added and renumbered as new claims 32-44.

Claim 7 has been amended to provide the needed grammatical expression and the proper antecedent for the outer annular wall has been supplied. With this amendment, it is believed that the language of claims 8 and 9 are now properly provided with antecedent basis.

Turning now to the rejection of the original claims over the patent to Irwin, in response, claim 1 has been amended to clearly define over this reference and is believed patentable for the following reasons.

As amended, claim 1 now recites that the seal includes a radially outwardly extending flange member and that this flange member is disposed between the inner and outer annular walls of the combustor. This is both a novel, unobvious and secure manner of fastening the seal in the combustor arrangement and is not suggested much less disclosed in the patent to Irwin.

The patent to Irwin does not disclose or suggest any radially extending member on any seal with the radially extending member located between a combustor inner and outer annular walls. However, in the arrangement of Irwin,

a socket 40 extends through opening in a cover 8 and is welded in place. The inner wall 27 is simply an air baffle but serves as a heat shield for the cover 8 while a combustion liner 2 surrounds the inner end of the inserted fuel injector 36 where a gasket (unnumbered) is located on the underside of a guide 44 which is spring biased against the gasket. There clearly is no radially extending flange for the gasket (unnumbered) or one which extends between any inner and outer annular walls of a combustor.

With respect to the patent to White, the same comments apply in that there is no disclosure or suggestion of providing a seal with a radially extending flange that is positioned between a combustor's inner and outer annular walls. While the seal arrangement of White may disclose a radially extending flange 126, there is no inner wall for his combustion chamber and there is nothing to anchor or even locate the flange in a secure position.

Having addressed all of the points raised in the Office action, it is believed that the application is now entitled to favorable treatment and this is earnestly solicited.

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